Senate Bill 338

By: Senators Goggans of the 7th, Jackson of the 2nd and Unterman of the 45th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-11-52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Volunteers in Dentistry and Dental Hygiene Act," so as to provide for special licenses for dentists and dental hygienists licensed in other jurisdictions; to amend Code Section 43-11-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications of applicants, so as to revise a provision relating to education requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 43-11-52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Georgia Volunteers in Dentistry and Dental Hygiene Act," is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board shall issue a special license to qualifying dentists and dental hygienists under the terms and conditions set forth in this Code section and pursuant to requirements which may be set forth in the rules and regulations of the board. The special license shall only be issued to a person who:

(1) Is ~~is~~ retired from the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene and not currently engaged in such practice either full time or part time and has, prior to retirement, maintained full unrestricted licensure in good standing in dentistry or dental hygiene in any state; or

(2) Is currently licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in any licensing jurisdiction in the United States and whose license is unrestricted and in good standing.

As used in this subsection, the term 'unrestricted' means that no restrictions have been placed on the applicant's license by ~~the~~ any board, no sanctions or disciplinary actions have been imposed by ~~the~~ any board on the applicant, and the applicant is not under probation or suspension by ~~the~~ any board."

SECTION 1A.

Code Section 43-11-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications of applicants, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(1)(A) as follows:

"(A) Successful completion at an accredited dental school approved by the board of the last two years of a program ~~leading to~~ and receipt of the doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) or doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) degree; and"

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.